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LUSAKA, SEPTEMBER 16--FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SECRETARY
OF STATE KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT LUSAKA, SEPTEMBER 16,
1976 AT 1015 HOURS AND ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE'S STATEMENT
WELCOMING THE SECRETARY:

MINISTER MWALE: MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, MRS. KISSINGER,
HONORABLE MINISTERS, YOUR EXCELLENCIES, IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE
TO WELCOME YOU, MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, ONCE AGAIN TO ZAMBIA. I
AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT THIS TIME AROUND YOU HAVE COME WITH
YOUR CHARMING WIFE TO VISIT US HERE. ALTHOUGH THIS IS A
BUSINESS TRIP I HOPE YOU WILL FIND SOME TIME, AND INDEED I HOPE
YOUR DISTINGUISHED DELEGATION WILL FIND SOME TIME TO SEE A BIT
OF ZAMBIA. THE LAST TIME YOU WERE HERE MR. SECRETARY OF STATE
YOU HONORED ZAMBIA WITH A MAJOR STATEMENT ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE
HAVE FOLLOWED YOUR TRAVELS MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, WE HAVE BEEN
INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING AS FOLLOW UP ON THE
MAJOR STATEMENT THAT YOU MADE FROM LUSAKA. WE KNOW THAT THE JOB
IS NOT EASY. THE BEST WE CAN DO MR. SECRETARY OF STATE IS TO
WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR DIFFICULT WORK. THE STAND OF
ZAMBIA ON THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HAS ALREADY BEEN
MADE QUITE CLEAR AND INDEED WE HAVE WELCOMED YOUR INITIATIVES,
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ALTHOUGH WE HAVE INDICATED THAT HAVING TRIED IN OUR OWN WAY TO

NEGOTIATIE FOR PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND HAVING REACHED A POINT
-WHERE WE FELT THAT WE HAVE FAILED, WE HAVE DECIDED, IN CONJUNCTION
- WITH THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE OAU, THE LUSAKA MANIFESTO AND INDEED
THE DAR-ES-SALAAM DECLARATION, THAT WE WILL SUPPORT INTENSIFIED
ARMED STRUGGLE. BUT WE WANT TO ASSURE YOU MR. SECRETARY OF
STATE, THAT IF YOUR EFFORTS, YOUR GENUINE EFFORTS, CAN BRING
ABOUT MAJORITY RULE IN AIMBABWE, IN NAMIBIA AND INDEED CAN LEAD
TO THE ERADICATION OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA, TODAY OR
TOMORROW, WE WILL CEASE TO FIGHT BECAUSE THE POINT OF FIGHTING
WON'T BE NECESSARY ONCE MAJORITY RULE HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. WE ARE
QUITE AWARE, SIR, WHAT YOU HAVE DONE ALREADY, YOU HAVE DONE QUITE
SOME REMARKABLE JOB AND WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE DIE-HARDS OF THE
RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL APPRECIATE YOUR VERY
DIFFICULT TASK AND RESPOND FAVORABLY BECAUSE TIME IS AGAINST US.
WITH THOSE FEW WORDS I ONCE AGAIN WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO ZAMBIA AND
AS I WAS SAYING AS WE CAME I THINK WE OUGHT TO SET UP A
CONSTITUENCY HERE FOR YOU. THANK YOU.

SECRETARY KISSINGER: MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE
FOR ME TO RETURN TO LUSAKA, THE PLACE WHERE THE UNITED STATES
ANNOUNCED ITS NEW AFRICA POLICY. IT WAS NO ACCIDENT THAT WE
CHOSE LUSAKA. WE HAVE KNOWN AND ADMIRERD ITS HUMANE AND
DISTINGUISHED LEADER, PRESIDENT KAUNDA. WE KNOW WHAT EFFORTS
HE HAS MADE TO BRING PEACE THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. WE KNOW THAT
ZAMBIA, BORDERING ON THE TROUBLED AREAS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA,
UNDERSTANDS BETTER THAN MANY THE IMPORTANCE OF PEACE AND THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE WORLD IN WHICH THE PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
CAN DEVELOP THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR PROGRESS AND HUMANE DIGNITY.
THE UNITED STATES IS SUPPORTING THESE EFFORTS. THE UNITED
STATES IS SEEKING TO HELP REALIZE PEACE, JUSTICE, AND PROGRESS
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE INITIATIVES WE HAVE TAKEN SO FAR HAVE
BEEN TAKEN ON THE BASIS OF THE CLOSEST COORDINATION WITH THE
FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS AND CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH PRESIDENT
KAUNDA. THE STEPS WE WILL TAKE IN THE DAYS AHEAD WILL BE
SIMILARLY CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA. IT IS OUR
HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND JUSTICE IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA. IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO SEE MY OLD FRIEND THE
FOREIGN MINISTER WHOM I HAVE KNOWN FROM A LONG ASSOCIATION IN
WASHINGTON AND ALMOST MONTHLY MEETINGS OVER THE PAST YEAR. I LOOK
FORWARD TO MY STAY IN ZAMBIA AND TO MY CONVERSATIONS WITH
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PRESIDENT KAUNDA.
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